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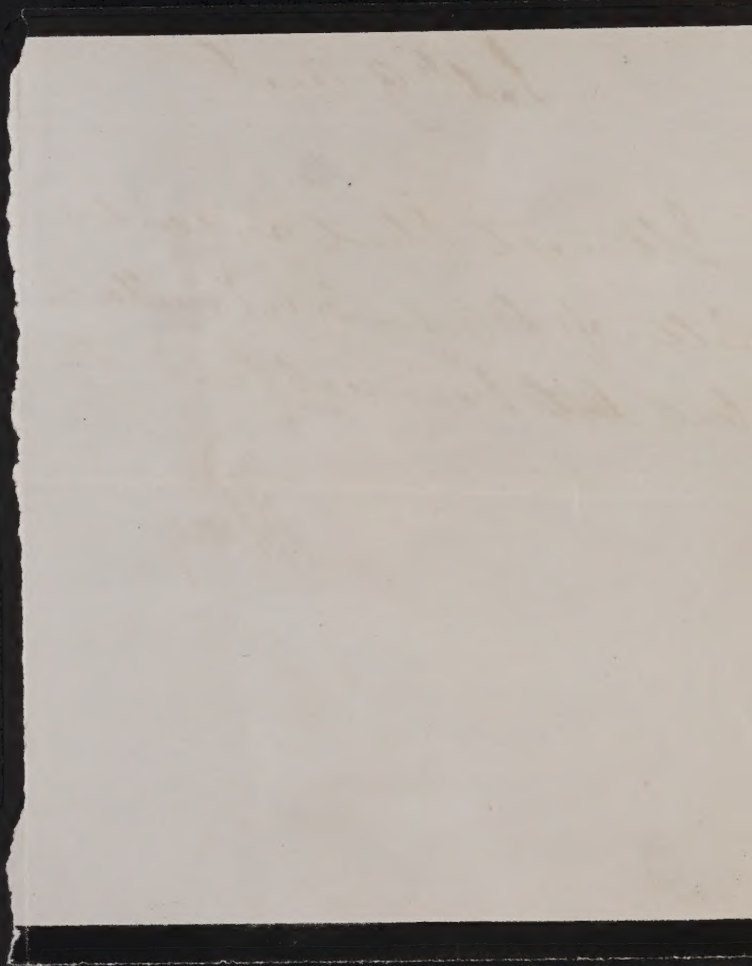
I thought I had subscribed
Letter of 100 pounds to Chatterton
but I have not found it

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Thomas Chatterton
Bristol April 8. 179



Sir

I am not able to dispute with a Person of your —
literary Character. — I have transcribed Rowleys Poems &c &c
from a Transcript in the Possession of a Gentleman who is
assured of their authenticity. — V^t. Austins Minister was
in Bristol. — In speaking of Painters in Bristol I mean
Glass Stainers — The MSS have long been in the hands
of the present Possessor wth is all I know of them —
Tho' I am but 16 years of Age, I have lived long enough
to see that Poverty attends Literature; I am obliged
to you ^{for} for your Advice, and will go a little
beyond ^{it} by destroying all my useless Lumber of —
Literature. and never owing my Pen again but in the
Law —

I am

Y^{rs} most humble Serv^t

Thomas Chatterton
Bristol April 8 - 17

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